



Goodwin Elementary Announcements & Events

Notices for 9/11/15

- ***Box Tops for Education Information***
- ***Family Fun in Mansfield Schedule of Events***
- ***Celebrate Mansfield Parade Sunday, Sept. 20th at noon***
- ***5k Color Craze Saturday, Oct. 3, 2015***
- ***Volunteers needed for the Mansfield Community Playground Construction Project October 10, 11, & 12, 2015***



Welcome back to school, parents!

This year, our school will be participating in the Box Tops for Education™ program. Our names are Barbara Mellone and Kristen Zadnik and we are the new Box Tops Coordinators for Goodwin Elementary.

Clipping Box Tops is an easy way for you to help our school buy what it needs. Box Tops are each worth 10¢ and they quickly add up to real cash for our school. This school year, our school's earnings goal is \$1000.

To help our school, just look for pink Box Tops on products, clip them, and send them to school with your child. For more information on the Box Tops for Education program, including a list of participating products and our school's progress, visit www.BTFE.com.

At the end of the year, the grade with the most box tops will have PIZZA PARTY!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at bmellone@gmail.com or ckzadnik@yahoo.com.

Thanks for your help!

Barbara & Kristin

P.S. Thanks to Ellen Tulman for coordinating for the past years!

Learn more about how you can help your school at **BTFE.com**.

Family Fun in Mansfield

September, October, November, December 2015

Special Notes

- **The Adventure Park at Storrs** (860-946-0606) (StorrsAdventurePark.com) is an aerial forest park with fun, healthy and safe outdoor adventures for families (ages 7 and older) featuring obstacle courses in the trees and zip lines of varying challenge levels. Check the website for directions, hours of operation, charges and special promotions.
- **Ballard Institute & Museum of Puppetry** (486-4605) (bimp.uconn.edu) is located at 1 Royce Circle in Storrs Center and is open Tues.-Sun., 11am-7pm. Special exhibits: *The Work that Follows: 50 Years of UConn Puppeteers* through Nov. 1; and beginning Nov. 14 *From Thought to Image: 30 Years of Sandglass Theater*. Great puppet-related gifts for kids, too! Don't miss the Sept. 12 & 13 Community Puppet-building Workshops (pre-registration encouraged) and Saturday afternoon performances especially for children (Oct. 3, 24 & 30 + Nov. 14); details in calendar section!
- **Cedar Ledge Tree Farm** (860-423-5690) (cedarledgetreefarm.com) offers fun activities for all ages, starting the last weekend in September through October: tractor rides (runs for 10 people or more); mulch mountain sliding and 2-pedal kart tracks! Large sand pile with loadie diggers. Admission fee applies. Check the website for directions, hours of operation, information about the Christmas shop, charges and more. Christmas trees for sale after Thanksgiving.
- **Community School of the Arts** (486-1073) (csa.uconn.edu) offers a wide variety of classes in music, art and theater for children of all ages. Plus Art birthday parties & Scout classes. All CSA classes are now listed in the Mansfield Parks and Recreation brochures. Check the website for special events throughout the fall.
- **CT State Museum of Natural History & CT Archaeology Center** (486-4460) (mnh.uconn.edu), on the UConn campus, features a multi-media exhibit, *Human's Nature: A Closer Look at the Relationship Between People and the Environment*. The Museum is open Mon.-Fri., 10am-4pm (closed Saturday and Sunday, except for scheduled programs). Call for a copy of the Fall 2015 program brochure, which includes several fun and educational programs for children and their families.
- **Gurleyville Gristmill** (429-9032) (joshuaslandtrust.org), owned and operated by Joshua's Trust, is open Sundays 1-4pm through October 25. Check the website for directions. Fun for families!
- **Holiday Hill Day Camp** (423-1375) (info@holidayrecreation.com) presents **Spooky-Fun Hayride Adventures** for families with young kids Oct. 23 & 24 and Oct. 30 & 31 from 6:30-8pm. Check the website for directions, reservations (recommended!) & charges. Proceeds benefit the American Camp Assoc. Gwen Duff Scholarship Fund at Holiday Hill.
- **Mansfield Historical Society** (429-6575) (mansfieldct-history.org) is open Sat. and Sun. 1:30-4:30pm, until Sept. 27. Exhibits: *The Diaries of Martin and Almira Hibbard Parker (1862-1907)* and *The Building of the Mansfield Hollow Dam*.
- **Mansfield Parks and Recreation Dept.** (429-3015) (mansfieldcc.com) has many classes, programs and activities for young children. Check the Fall 2015 brochure sent to every household for information about After-School Friends, after-school science programs, **fee waivers** for eligible Mansfield residents, recently-revised Mansfield parks and preserves brochures, kayak and other rentals, Friends of Mansfield Parks, Family Fun Nights, Snow Days activities and many other offerings!
- **Mansfield Public Library** (423-2501) (mansfieldpubliclibraryct.org) is open: Mon. & Wed. 10-5; Tues. & Th. 10-8; Fri. & Sat. 9-5. The library offers 3 drop-in program series for children: **Toddler Time**, stories, songs, movement & play (ages birth-36 months with caregiver), Fridays 10:30am-12n, Sept. 4-Nov. 20 (but NOT Sept. 25); **Family Storytime**, stories, songs & simple crafts for young children with caregiver, Saturdays 10:30-11:30am, Sept. 5-Dec. 26 (but NOT Sept. 26); **Wonderful Wednesdays**, stories, songs & simple crafts (for young children with caregiver), 10:30-11:30am, Sept. 30 - Dec. 9 (but NOT Nov. 11).
- **Storrs Farmers Market** (storrsfarmersmarket.org) (storrsfarmersmarket@gmail.com) is open 3-6pm every Saturday through Nov. 21 on the front lawn of the Mansfield Town Hall. Storrs Winter Market will be open Saturdays Dec. 12 and 19 in the Buchanan Auditorium at the Mansfield Public Library from 3-5pm. Something for everyone! **EAT LOCAL!**
- **UConn Co-op Bookstore** (486-8525) (bookstore.uconn.edu) is located at 1 Royce Circle in Storrs Center and has a TERRIFIC selection of children's books! Don't miss the CT Children's Book Fair Nov. 14 & 15 (see below). And watch for a visit from someone special from the North Pole in December!
- **UConn Department of Animal Science** (486-2413) (animalscience.uconn.edu) (animalscience.uconn.edu/visitors/tour.php) hosts a number of family-friendly animal-related events during the school year (Sept.-May) and allows visitors to several barns on the UConn campus, 7 days /wk., 10am-4pm. And be sure to visit the Dairy Bar! Check out the polo game schedule & download a brochure for young children.
- **UConn EEB** (=Ecology and Evolutionary Biology) **Greenhouses** (486-4052) (<http://florawww.eeb.uconn.edu/>), on the UConn campus, have a huge collection of amazing live plants from all over the world! Call to check on hours open, etc.
- **William Benton Museum of Art** (486-4520) (benton.uconn.edu), on the UConn campus, is open Tues.-Fri., 10am-4:30pm and Sat. & Sun., 1-4:30pm. Check the website for current exhibits and programs that might be of interest to and appropriate for children. Some neat kids' toys (etc.) in the giftshop! Check the website for directions, parking, etc.

For more information about the events listed in this calendar, check the following sources:

ANSC = Department of Animal Science (UConn) (486-2413) (animalscience.uconn.edu/calendar.php)
BIMP = Ballard Institute and Museum of Puppetry (486-4605) (bimp.uconn.edu)
CSA = Community School of the Arts (UConn) (486-1073) (csa.uconn.edu)
CSMNH = CT State Museum of Natural History & CT Archaeology Center (UConn) (486-4460) (mnh.uconn.edu)
EOS = E.O. Smith High School (487-0877) (eosmith.org)
JCPA = Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts (UConn) (486-4226) (jorgensen.uconn.edu)
MDP = Mansfield Downtown Partnership (429-2740) (mdp@mansfieldct.org)
MHS = Mansfield Historical Society (429-6576) (mansfieldct-history.org)
MMS = Mansfield Middle School (429-9341)
MPL = Mansfield Public Library (423-2501) (mansfieldpubliclibraryct.org)
MSC = Mansfield Senior Center (429-0262) (mansfieldct.org)
SCC = Storrs Congregational Church (429-9382; ext. 10) (storrsconchurch.org)

Many of the following programs require advance registration and/or fees. Call ahead!
Fee waivers or scholarships are available to eligible Mansfield residents for most Mansfield Parks and Recreation Department programs (429-3015). Scholarships may be available for other fee-based programs listed here.

SEPTEMBER 2015

Sept. 12 & 13 (Sat. & Sun.), 10am-5pm – Community puppet-building workshops for the Sept. 20 parade. All ages! (BIMP)
 Sept. 12 (Sat.), 10-11:30am – Mysterious Mushrooms! Hike, collect & learn from an expert (ages 8+ w/adult) (CSMNH)
 Sept. 13 (Sun.), 12-3pm – Men's Chili Cook Off: taste & vote! Chili and all the fixins. Call for reservations. (SCC)
 Sept. 13 (Sun.), 2pm – *Fan Yang: Gazillion Bubble Show!* Come @ 1pm for bubble fun & games before the show!!! (JCPA)
 Sept. 18 (Fri.), 7-9pm – Star Party; stargazing & exploration @ UConn's Planetarium & Observatory; WOW! (MPRD)
 Sept. 19 (Sat.), 9-11:30am – Archaeology Field Workshop—Learning the Basics. Hands-on! (ages 8+ w/adult) (CSMNH)
 Sept. 19 (Sat.), 1-3pm – Explore the Albert E. Moss Forest, Wildflower & Wildlife Sanctuary w/naturalists! (5+ w/adult) (MPRD)
 Sept. 19 (Sat.), 5-7pm – Ham and Bean Supper at the Echo Grange, 483 Storrs Rd. (Rte. 195) in Mansfield Center. (423-8903)
 Sept. 20 (Sun.), 12n – 2015 Celebrate Mansfield Parade, beginning @ the Storrs Post Office; puppets, bikes, floats PLUS! (MDP)
 Sept. 20 (Sun.), 12n-4pm – 2015 Celebrate Mansfield Festival; music, food and LOTS of fun for the whole family! (MDP)
 Sept. 26 (Sat.), 9am-4pm – Friends of the Mansfield Library Book Sale; LOTS of books (etc.) for all ages!!! (MPL)
 Sept. 26 (Sat.), 10am-3pm – Southeast School PTO Fall Carnival – GREAT activities, food & more for all ages! (423-1611)
 Sept. 26 (Sat.), 6-8pm – Plant to Plate Party: enjoy a meatless meal and help relieve hunger. Call for reservations. (SCC)
 Sept. 27 (Sun.), 9am-3pm – Friends of the Mansfield Library Book Sale; LOTS of books (etc.) for all ages!!! (MPL)
 Sept. 27 (Sun.), 12n-6pm – Mansfield Lions Annual Fall Festival @ Holiday Hill; LOTS of fun & food for everyone! (423-1375)

OCTOBER 2015

WALKTOBER EVENTS in MANSFIELD

For a complete listing of Walking Weekends events in eastern CT & contiguous southern MA, see the complete WALKTOBER brochure at: thelastgreenvalley.org (1-866-363-7226)

Sept. 26-Oct. 31 – Family Fun @ Cedar Ledge Tree Farm: pumpkins! tractor rides! mulch mountain slide! & more!! (423-5690)
 Oct. 3 (Sat.), 10am – Games in the Woods; fun for the whole family @ Dunhamtown Forest; prizes, too! (429-6257)
 Oct. 17 (Sat.), 9:30-c. 11:30am – Mansfield Pup Crawl; tour Downtown Storrs with your (on-leash) Best Friend (MDP)
 Oct. 18 (Sun.), 1pm – Between a Rock and a Marshy Place: explore Wolf Rock & Sawmill Brook Preserves (429-6257)
 Oct. 25 (Sun.), 1pm – Explore Schoolhouse Brook Park: forest, stone walls, pond & stream; wildlife, too! (429-6257)
 Oct. 25 (Sun.), 1pm – Vistas and Vegetables; program at and about Twin Ponds Farm & Cloverleigh Farm (429-3015 x6204)
 Oct. 25 + Nov. 8 (Sun.), 10am-8pm – Enjoy rope courses & zip lines + 10% discount at The Adventure Park at Storrs! (946-0606)

Oct. 3 (Sat.), 1 & 3 pm – BIMP presents a performance of *A Slice of Crazy Pie in 7 to 11 Acts by Cripps Puppets*. FUN! (BIMP)
 Oct. 4 (Sun.), 11am-4pm – UConn Cornucopia Festival in front of/around the Young Building; LOTS of fun for all!!! (ANSC)
 Oct. 3 (Sat.) & 4 (Sun.), 10am-5pm – Hammonasset Festival: Music, Native Skills, Nature; something for everyone! (CSMNH)
 Oct. 10 (Sat.), 8am-c. 8pm – Bus trip to Brooklyn Botanic Garden & Brooklyn Museum; fascinating for all ages! (CSMNH)
 Oct. 10 (Sat.) & Oct. 11 (Sun.) – ADULTS needed to help build the Playground!!!! (mansfieldcommunityplayground.org)
 Oct. 13 (Tues.), 7:30am-5:30pm – Recreation Rescue: fun for grades K-8 @ Mansfield Middle School + field trip! (MPRD)
 Oct. 13 (Tues.), 11am-2pm – Intergenerational Pumpkin Fest: pumpkin carving; pizza party; games & more! All ages (MSC)
 Oct. 17 (Sat.), 10am-4pm – CT Archaeology Fair @ CCSU: talk with real archaeologists! handle artifacts! (CSMNH)
 Oct. 17 (Sat.), 11am-3pm – Mansfield's early silk industry + bobbin lace-making demonstration! Buchanan Aud. (MHS)
 Oct. 24 (Sat.), 1 & 3pm – BIMP presents Nappy's Puppets' *Spooky-Silly Sing-A-Long*. FUN for all ages! (BIMP)
 Oct. 24 (Sat.), 4-5pm – Trick-or-Treat in Downtown Storrs; wear your costume & have FUN downtown! (all ages w/adult) (MDP)
 Oct. 24 (Sat.), 5-6:30pm – Annual Halloween Party & Trick-A-Trunk @ the Community Center! (all ages w/adult) (MPRD)
 Oct. 25 (Sun.), 12n-4pm – Hibernation Festival @ Oak Grove Montessori School: entertainment; food; fun activities! (456-1031)
 Oct. 25 (Sun.), 2-4pm – Funny Mummy Party: annual Family Halloween celebration for all ages!!! (MPL)
 Oct. 25 (Sun.), 2pm – *Jack Hanna: Into the Wild Live!* Fascinating and humorous stories & footage for all ages. (JCPA)
 Oct. 30 (Fri.), 7pm – BIMP presents a performance of *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* by Stevens Puppets. All ages. (BIMP)
 Oct. 31 (Sat.), 9am -- 86th UConn Little International Livestock, Horse & Poultry Show, Horsebarn Hill Arena, UConn (ANSC)

NOVEMBER 2015

Nov. 7 (Sat.), 10am-12n – CT's Towns : Guilford! Walk and discover the town's early CT history (8+ w/adult) (CSMNH)
 Nov. 14 (Sat.), 9am-c. 10pm – Bus trip: Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular! (register by Nov. 1) (MPRD)
 Nov. 14 (Sat.), 10am-5pm – 24th Annual CT Children's Book Fair: activities, stories, books! (bookfair.uconn.edu)
 Nov. 14 (Sat.), 1pm – Carnivorous Plants in CT & Around the World; program with live plants (ages 8+ w/adult) (CSMNH)
 Nov. 14 (Sat.), 1 & 3pm – BIMP presents a puppet performance of *Isidor's Cheek* by Sandglass Theater. Family fun! (BIMP)
 Nov. 15 (Sun.), 10am-5pm – 24th Annual CT Children's Book Fair: activities, stories, books! (bookfair.uconn.edu)
 Nov. 18 (Wed.), 7pm – E.O. Smith H.S. Student Choral Ensembles concert in the high school auditorium (EOS)
 Nov. 21 (Sat.), 10am-12n – Scientific Illustration—Insects! Look at & draw a variety of insects! (ages 8+ w/adult) (CSMNH)
 Nov. 26 (Thurs.), 5:30am-c. 2pm – Bus trip: Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade + home for turkey! (register by Nov. 14) (MPRD)

DECEMBER 2015

Dec. 3 (Thurs.), 4-5:30pm – Holiday crafts for kids.; make holiday decorations to take home! (all ages w/adult) (MPL)
 Dec. 3 (Th.), 7pm – E.O. Smith H.S. Student Band and Orchestra Concert in the high school auditorium (EOS)
 Dec. 5 (Sat.), 9am – Holiday Bazaar: floral arrangements, holiday boutique, pecans, poinsettias & more! (SCC)
 Dec. 5 (Sat.), 10am-12n – Paint Your Own Pottery Family Event! Paint your chosen gifts for the holidays (ages 3 & up) (MPRD)
 Dec. 5 (Sat.), 1 & 3pm – BIMP presents a puppet performance of *Lollipop for Breakfast* by Bonnie Duncan. Fun for all! (BIMP)
 Dec. 5 (Sat.), 1-5pm – Ring in the winter season in Storrs Downtown with music and treats and a visit from Santa Claus! (MDP)
 Dec. 5 (Sat.), 7am-c.10:30pm – Bus trip to New York City where you spend the day on your own (register by Nov. 21) (MPRD)
 Dec. 5 (Sat.), 8pm – Holiday Boston Pops concert & celebration with sing-alongs & Jolly Old St. Nick (all ages!) (JCPA)
 Dec. 6 (Sun.), 1pm – Ancient Human Evolution During the Late Middle Pleistocene in Armenia (8+ w/adult) (CSMNH)
 Dec. 9 (Wed.), 7pm – Mansfield Middle School Winter Band concert @ MMS auditorium (MMS)
 Dec. 12 (Sat.), 3pm – Connecticut's Earliest European Settlers; program by CT State Archaeologist (ages 8+ w/adult) (CSMNH)
 Dec. 13 (Sun.), 3pm – Lessons & Carols Holiday Celebration @ St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Storrs (429-2647) (SCC)
 Dec. 16 (Wed.), 6:30pm – Mansfield Middle School Winter Orchestra Concert; 7:45pm Winter Choral Concert (MMS)
 Dec. 16 (Wed.), 7pm – E.O. Smith H.S. Student Guitar and Piano Concert in the high school auditorium (EOS)
 Dec. 18 (Fri.), time tbd – Community School of the Arts All-School Recital @ von der Mehden Recital Hall, UConn (CSA)
 Dec. 19 (Sat.), 10am-12n – Make a Bird Feeder! Drop in any time; FREE! (grades 1-5 w/adult) (CSMNH)

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CELEBRATE MANSFIELD PARADE!

SUNDAY, SEPT. 20 at NOON on STORRS ROAD



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5k COLOR CRAZE

SATURDAY, OCT. 3, 2015

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Mail registration form and payment: PO Box 392 Chaplin, CT
06235 by **September 15th**. All checks need to be made out to
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PACKET PICK UP AND DAY OF REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 8 AM, 5K
COLOR CRAZE STARTS AT 10 AM.



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**Construction to take place Columbus Day weekend –
October 10, 11, & 12, 2015**

**We're Building a Playground,
and
Building Our Community!**

Lend a hand – we need you!

We will need members of our community of all ages and levels of experience to make this project a reality.

To lend a hand please complete **volunteer form**.
Form may be accessed by following link found at
<http://www.mansfieldcommunityplayground.org/lendahand.html>

We need a lot of construction workers. If you can swing a hammer, dig a hole, or lend your muscle, we want YOU! It is not necessary to have previous experience doing construction work—there are many tasks for people of all abilities.

We will need people to help organize and distribute tools and materials during the build. We will also need people who can support the construction workers with maintaining the food and refreshment tent, or by providing childcare for parents helping with the build.

If you have questions please contact Maggie Ferron at (860) 429-3338 or ferronmb@mansfieldct.org.

Looking forward to seeing you at the build!
Ellen Tulman